COMMITTEE AT WORK

Further Investigation Into the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute Matter.

But Nothing of a Damaging Na-

special legislative committee charged with the investigation of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institution at staunton resumed their work yesterday

or has in the past, existed at that institution?"

Mr. Haislip replied: "No sir; I
shall not undertake to say that
you, individually, were responsible for
any of it. I think that the board
had knowledge of the drinking that was
known to be going on there at times,
and I think they were certainly responsible for not adopting some rule in reference to the matter. I have been informed by the president of the board,
in talking with him in regard to the matter, that he was opposed to 'he drinking being allowed in the institution, and
my recollection is that he stated that
you and Mr. Turner were also opposed to
it, but the majority of the board never
took any action in regard to the
matter."

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"From the information that came to your knowledge, you gathered that Messrs Forrer, Turner, and myself were opposed to any intemperance, if any, that might exist in that institution?"



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who had a way a properly, and the matter was allowed to drop, very properly so, witness thought. He couldn't recall Miss—'s age at the time of the occurrence, but thought she was quite young. He didn't think the girls were knowingly violating any rules by being out, as it had just become dark, and it was Saturday evening, when there was no studying to be done. When asked as to Mr. Bear's capability, witness said he didn't conder him to be a scholar, but he was rery capable to fill the position he occupied. Witness never knew or heard of any drinking among the students while as was at the institution. He expressed great regret that he had to testify to anything which might reflect on the institution or on Mr. Bear. He thought the institution was an excellently-managed as an excellently-manage e, and that Mr. Bear was very properly

exonerated.

This concluded Mr. Brenaman's testimony, and Mr. R. D. Haislip, editor of the Staunton Daily News, was called. He stated that he had lived in Staunton its the Staunton Daily News, was called. He stated that he had lived in Staunton since 1820. and had been frequently thrown with officers of the school. He had never received the slightest intimation of any immortality at the institution. He had, however, seen some evidences of drinking among the officers. During the earlier part of his residence in Staunton he had seen several teachers drinking, but there had been a reform during the past two years. Mr. Yates, he said, was a member of the same club with him and he drank a great deal in the clubrooms, so much that the door of whikey clung 'round him at all times. Mr. Humbert drank some little, witness said. He testified that Mensrs, Williams and herkeley were perfectly sober men, and nore excellent reputations. Mr. Bear, he said, was a very dignified gentleman, and had much the appearance of a preacher. Witness had never seen Mr. Euritt under the influence of liquor, and was satisfied he hadn't drunk anything a several years. Witness had never been very trimmet with Captain Dovle.

Euritt under the influence of liquor, and was satisfied he hadn't drunk anything in several years. Witness and never been very intimate with Captain Doyle, but had never seen him drink or enter a bar-room. He had seen him when he thought he had been drinking. He considered him to be a scholarly man, and one possessed of great executive ability. Witness thought the board should have made a regulation prohibiting drinking on the part of any person connected with the institution.

In general terms Mr. Haislip spoke of the excellent course of training which was given the mute pupils at the institution. He stated that several young ladies who were before the board during the last investigation had complained to him of the manner of investigation and asked him to take the matter up in his paper, but this he declined to do.

When questioned by Mr. Facchanan, Mr. Haislip said that he had never heard, of any of the teachers or officers drinking at the institution.

Mr. Haislip was interrupted at this juncture, as the hour for the General Assembly to convene had arrived, and the compristee rose until 4 o'clock.

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When the liquiry was resumed, Dr. Winston, of Hanover, a member of the licard of Visitors of the institution, appeared before the committee to ask air. Haislip, who was again called to the stand, a few questions:

"I would like to ask this," he said, addressing Mr. Haislip: "In your testimony this morning, you sated that the board was primarily responsible for any interoperance, if any, that might have existed at the institution. I would be giad if you would state whether or not, in your opinion, I, as a member of that

Staunton resumed their work yesterday morning, and several witnesses were examined, but no very important testimony was adduced.

When the committee was called to order all the members were present except Mr. Hathaway, who is out on a visit to gome of the State institutions. Mr. W. W. Brenaman, of Pocahontas, a former teacher in the institution, was called to the stand. He testified to having taught at the school during the sessions of 1881-82 and 1882-84. He was not employed at the institution during Captain Doyle's administration.

He was asked concerning the alleged primacy between Mr. Bear and Miss —,

Questioned by Mr. Stubbs, witness said that he had never heard of the Yates investigation until recently. He lived in Staunton at the time when the investigation took place, but never heard of it. He had sent a written letter to the board and asked that a representative of the press be admitted, but the request was declined.

"Can you recall why you made the

attitude was one of crouching, and witness said he couldn't say that anything was wrong. He reported the matter to the principal, and it was investigated. Mr. Bear denied positively that anything criminal was attempted, and said that he was simply playing with the giris, several of whom were out.

DEPORTED HIMSELF WELL.

Mr. Brenaman said further that Mr. Bear was an elderly, dignified gentleman, who had always been punctual, and deported himself properly, and the matter was allowed to drop, very properly \$60, was allowed to drop, very \$60, was allowed to drop

I do not think I referred to it."

"You doubt the wisdom of teaching the deaf-mute the trade of printing?"

"I do not think it would be wise to teach many pupils that trade. The board has recently taken the matter under consideration, but I do not know what they have done."

NO JUNKETING TRIPS.

"Do you know of any junketing trips made by members of the board?"
"I do not. I heard only accidentally of it. I know that Mr. Miller and Captain Doyle went together up North to study other institutions of that character. I also know that Mr. Lindsay and Captain Doyle went together, and I have Captain Doyle went together, and I have no doubt that it was for the benefit of our institution, but if the matter was given to the public at the time, with the proper explanations, nothing wrong would be thought of it. The last time the public had anything about the meetings of the board was about two or three meetings

ago."
"Do you remember whether you commended Mr. Yates in your paper at the time of his leaving?"
"I did give him some letters of recom-

time of his leaving?"

"I did give him some letters of recommendation to friends in Arkansas, because I considered him a good teacher, and at that time I thought he had given up drinking entirely. When I happened to meef Mr. Forrer I casually conversed with him as to what happened at the institution. As a rule, we had some representative of the paper at the meetings of the Executive Committee."

"Were you or your representative ever refused access to the records?"

"I cannot say that we were. We had no special desire to see the records because they would not always show what transpired; but the clerk would never show the record, except upon an order from the president."

"I never personally made any great effort to see the records, except during the time of the investigation. When I saw a copy of the testimony taken at that time. Mr. Forrer told me what the result had been, I have further talked with Major Elder, the prelecessor of Mr. Forrer, but never made an effort to see the records under him. If the Yates investigation took place in 182 it must have been under Mr. Elder, I have never seen any pupils of the school in the city under the influence of Houor. I have never seen any pupils of the school in the city under the influence of liquor, but I have seen an employee under the influence, who carries the mail. The boys behave themselves very well, as far as I

can see.
"I often see the children on the grounds, and they appear to be comfortably clad and well fed; some of them look a little untidy, but that is only natural. I am sure these children don't suffer from the lack of warm clothing. They are very respectful, too, and taught good man-ners, taking off their hats to ladies, etc."

WERE NOT BELIEVED.

"When these charges about the Yates immorality reached Staunton, how were they received."
"Nobody believed them; everybody seemed to be astounded. I have seen nobody but some mutes who know anything about it.

having relatives among them. The builtings are within the city line too, but the grounds may partly be cut out.

"Speaking of the pupils, I can say that I remember what occurred two years ago. I saw Mr. Graves, the tallor of the institute at Roanoke, where he gathered up about twenty afflicted children, as was customary, and treated them very kindly. I mention the fact in justice to the school, which is doing a great deal of excellent work. I would like to say further that Captain Doyle is competent to manage the school, and has its interest at heart, and the only thing we differ in is as to the drinking of liquor.

"Do you attach any blame to the board as to not publishing the result of the Yates investigation?

"I think all matters in which the public is interested ought to be made public. It is bad policy to observe secrecy, because it is human nature to magnify. It would take some very positive evidence to make me believe in the immorality of Mr. Bear, and a mere suspicion would not be sufficient.

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Mr. J. J. Cashon, of this city, was the next witness called. He addressed the committee, saying: "I would be very glad if you would postpone my examination for the afternoon. I have been gathering up proof for all that I shall testify to, and I believe in the old Roman law that the accused and the accuser be face to face." He was excused.

The chairman then stated that he had conferred with Mr. Randolph as to securing an interpreter, and said that Mr. Randolph had agreed to have Professor Eurett act in that capacity on Monday morning, when Miss Hogwood will be examined, but that he desired to have Mr. Ely, of Washington, act as interpreter in all matters in which Mr. Euritt was concerned. It was finally decided by the committee to wire for Mr. Ely.

Miss Hogwood will go on the stand promptly at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Randolph has left Ford's Hotel, and is the guest of Mr. Arthur G. Tucker, on Reservoir street.

The committee will sit through the session of the Senate and House to-morrow.

Career of Principal Doyle.

Captain Thomas S. Doyle, the principal

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Capear of Principal Doyle.

Capiain Thomas S. Doyle, the principal of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, was born in 1841, and was educated in Lexington. He entered the Confederate army in April, 1861, serving throughout the war, mainly with the Stonewall Brigade. He was captured at Spotsylvania Courthouse in the bloody angle on May 12, 1864, and was confined in Fort Delaware. He was sent in August, 1854, to Charleston harbor, where, with 600 Confederate prisoners, he was put under fire from the Confederate guns. Later he was taken to Fort Pulaski, where he was made a subject of retaliation for alleged cruelties to Federal prisoners at Andersonville. He was returned to Fort Delaware in March, 1805, and was held there until June, two months after the surrender. He went South after the war, and was for four years Superintendent of Schools at Natchez, Miss. He came to the Staunton institution in September, 1871, and has been connected with it ever since, except during the two years (1882 to 1884) of the Readjuster regime.

The demand for "OUR HEROES AND

we will discontinue our present offer after the Elst instant, so that those who desire to obtain this momento of the Lost Cause should send in their orders promptly. After the date above named we will be willing to furnish the picture to those desiging it, but the price will be 25 cents, in-

stead of 10. Cut out the round coupon you will find on the first page of the Dispatch, and when you have THREE of DIFFERENT DATES present them with 10 cents at our counter and you will receive the picture If you wish it sent by mail, forward us, in addition to the three coupons

and 10 cents, a 2-cent postage-stamp, N. B.-Be sure to address

> COUPON DEPARTMENT. The Dispatch Office, Richmond, Va.

THEATRE BLOCK BURNED. One Life Thought Lost-Insurance on Buildings Small.

M'KEESPORT, PA., February 8.-At 4 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the Altmeyer Theatre block, and in an almost incredible time the entire building was a mass of fiames. The building was located on Fifth avenue, and valued at \$130,000. A short time ago arrangements were made to convert the building into a brewery, and it is thought the workmen interfered with the electric-light wires, thereby causing the fire.

The Herald Publishing Company occupied the top floor, and all the employees, excepting George Barto, the foreman, escaped. He attempted to escape by sliding down an elevator rope from the sixth floor, but has not been heard from.

The residence of Peter Strohm, the rear of Bucker's Hotel, and Dettich's stables were crushed by falling walls.

Altmeyer had \$49,000 insurance, but failed to secure permission from the insurance companies to remodel his building. His loss is complete. Other insurance is very small. was a mass of flames. The building was

Flood at Philadelphia Subsides.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., February &.—
The Delaware and Schuylkill rivers have receded to about their normal condition. Very little indication of flood remains, and business on the river front has been resumed. The Baltimore and Ohio rairoad station, on the Schuylkill river front, at Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets, the lower floor of which was flooded to such an extent that train service was interfered with, is now cleared, and traffic on the line has been opened. There was an entire restoration of schedules last evening, and trains moved last night and to-day with their customary promptness.

The Dry-Goods Market.

NEW YORK, February 8.—The week in the dry-goods market has closed with no break in the previous monotony of dull demand, and with no improvement in prices in any direction; yet it closes with a noticeably less depressed tone than a week ago. The effect of the successful floating of the bond issue and the prospect of an easier money market has been decidedly favorable on the general sentiment, and it is believed that a material development of general business is near at hand.

Rush to the "Land of the Sky." Rush to the "Land of the Sky."
WASHINGTON, February 8.—One of
the most significant features of railroad
travel from and through Washington at
the present time is a remarkable rush
of passenger traffic to Asheville and Hot
Springs, N. C. It is is so great that even
the excellent resources of the Southern
railway are taxed to their full extent,
and, considering the mild winter hitherto
prevailing, the pilgrimage to the "Land of
the Sky" seems extraordinary.

Fatal Flood in Texas. VELASCO, TEX., February 8.—The Brazos is higher than it has ever been known to be before, and the town is now an island. Two white men and one negro were drowned yesterday above here. Considerable live-stock has been lost.

DAYTON, O., February 8.—The R. M. Connable Company, manufacturers of over-uls and heavy clothing, capital stock of \$125,000, assigned lant night. Assets and Habilities not stated, but the fall-ure is said to be a bad one.

TO INCREASE TRADE.

Man of the Development Association Believed to Be a Good One.

Run Into Richmond trom All Parts of Virginia, and Probably North Carolina-What Results Would Be.

The merchants of the city and the business-men generally, appear to be much gratified because of the organ-zation here on Thursday night of the Association for the Development of Rich-mond Trade. While the body has as plishing the ends sought, two very im-portant committees were appointed, and will commence the respective duties as-signed to them at once. These are a committee on plan of organization and a committee to confer with the passenger ning into Richmond. The movement for increasing the trade of the city is thought to have the encouragement of those in all branches of business.

THE IDEA GOOD.

So far as a Dispatch man could learn yesterday, it is the general impression that the idea promulgated by those in the association in this respect is believed to be a good one. It is the object of the organization to enlist the cooperation of the railroad companies in the matter of inducing people to come to Richmond. This is to be done by the railways offering reduced rates for round-trip tickets from all points of the State, and while the question of extending these low rates into other States has not yet been considered. President Rhoads yesterday said to a Dispatch reporter that he thought it would be very desirable to have the roads run excursions from points in North Carolina as well as in Virginia, inasmuch as the Carolinians do much of their wholesale and retail buying here. He said that a great many people bought goods of the retail stores in Richmond by letter, and that this was often very unsatisfactory. These customers would come to Richmond occasionally, and make their yesterday, it is the general impression and that this was often very these a factory. These customers would come to Richmond occasionally, and make their purchases—they would buy a number of things that they would otherwise never things that they would otherwise never purchase here—if they were afforded low railroad rates.

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Would Help All Around.

The running of these excursions into Richmond he said would help every class of business in the city. It would also help the railroads, because the increased traffic would more than justify them in giving the cheap transportation. It would benefit the entire section enjoying the advantages of these low rates, because it would enable the people to get away from their farms or country store occasionally and learn a little something of city life and customs. President Rhoads said that while his association had not heard anything from the Atlantic-Coast Line regarding this movement, the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Southern roads had assured the organization of their encouragement, and he felt that the other railroads would fall into line and offer such inducements in way of rates as would be sufficient.

Speaking of the meeting on Thursday night, President Rhoads remarked that the representatives of reveral large retail houses could not be present on that occasion, because they were just at this time taking inventories and getting ready for spring business. Among these concerns were the Fourqurean-Price Company, Breeden, Tailey & Co., Hutzler & Sons, and others.

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President Rhoads, in speaking of the scope of the organization, said:

"This association is not for the benefit of the retail trade alone, but is calculated to embrace all kinds of business-retail and wholesale, dry-goods, grocers, hardware, furniture, shoes, &c. It is not the intention of merchants to pay to the excursionist a rebote on his or her ticket (except where such an arrangement becomes personal). On the other hand, it is the purpose of the association to get rates sufficiently low from the railroad companies to induce large numbers of people to come to our city to do their trading."

CIDER KILLED HIM.

At Least That Was the Verdict of a Coroner's Jury.

EASTVILLE, VA., February 8 .- (Spe cial.)-John Watson (colored), a farm hand, who lived with Mr. Howard Nottingham, near here, died this morning, and the coroner's inquest held in the case this afternoon returned a verdict that death resulted from drinking cider given to him by Edward Leatherbury. Leatherbury keeps a small store at Ken-dall Grove Crossing, about a mile and a half from this place. At the inquest he stated that he and Watson had taken he stated that he and Watson had taken a drink together yesterday afternoon, but said if there was polson in what they drank, he was not aware of the fact. Dr. James McNutt, of this place, removed the stomach and heart of the deceased, which will be sent to Richmond for examination. Leatherbury has not yet been arrested.

CHASE CITY.

The Tobacco Market-Very Bad

Ronds. CHASE CITY, VA., February 8 .- (Special.)-The leaf-tobacco market here is now very active. Sales are large, and good prices are realized. The quality good prices are realized. The quality shows some improvement. The weather is favorable for handling, and the only hindrance in drawing from a large section of the country tributary to this market is the irrepressible cry of old Virginia bad roads. Nearly all of the tobacco is brought to this market on wagons, and with better highways approaching the town, it would be the largest market in this tobacco region. This crop is now about the only one that supplies the farmers with any money of consequence, and when sales are lively debts are paid, and a stimulus is given to all branches of business.

In Respect to the Bonsack Cignrette-Machines.

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 8 .- (Spi cial.)--The Bonsack Machine Company has within the past few days made a new arrangement with the American To-bacco Company, by which the American To-bacco Company ceases to pay any definite and fixed royalty upon the cigar-ette-machines after the 1st of June next, and has become the owner of the cigar-ette-machines of the Bonsack company now in its possession. It is said that the Bonsack Machine Company is at liberty to place its cigarette-machines with other parties in the United States. The amount paid to the Bonsack company for the machines is reported to be \$250,000. has within the past few days made a

THE CITY ON THE DAN. Friday Night's Fire-Accident-A

Friday Night's Fire-Accident—A Marriage.

DANVILLE, VA., February 8.—(Special.)—The loss by the burning of the Exchange Warchouse and contents last night will reach about \$30,000. The stock of Averett & Harvey was fully insured, and there was \$10,000 insurance on the warchouse.

The warchouse was \$20 feet long by 50 wide, and was built of brick, with tin roof. On the bouth side of it were two large brick factories, and on the

north side a large brick building, con-taining stores and lodge-rooms for col-ored societies, all of which property at one time seemed doomed, but, by the ex-ertions of the firemen, all this property was saved, and the fire confined to the

was saved, and the ne comment to the warehouse.

The warehouse was used principally for storage of tobacco, Messrs. Averett & Harvey having in it ninety-eight hogsheads. Other firms had the weed stored in it, while in the basement was a prizery, operated by W. M. Roach.

The building was owned by E. L. and A. Geast, and was valued at \$15.000. How the fire originated no one can tell.

Two of the firemen had a narrow escape by the collapse of a rear wall. Their escape was almost miraculous.

LEG FRACTURED.

LEG FRACTURED. Bud Cole (colored), who lives near Burkeville, suffered a fracture of the right leg to-day as the train from Richmond pulled in at the station here. Cole was trying to steal a ride on the truck at a coach north-bound, and was knocked from his perch by a brake-rod as the latt-bake was applied.

MARRIAGE.

A large sompany gathered in the parlor of Hotel Narmandie this afternoon, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Virginia Fitz, the ward of Mr. T. Paxson, proprietor of the botel, to Mr. W. F. Terrell, the popular and efficient agent of the Southern Express Company in this city. Rev. J. E. Armarong, of Milton, N. C., performed the erremony. The bride is a young woman of many graces, and a great favorite in a large circle. She was attired in a travelling gown of old-rose boucle, with jet trimmings. The hotel parlor was handsomely decorated and festooned for the happy event.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell left by the Southern road for Atlanta and New Orleans to attend the Mardi-Gras festival.

Resignation of the Mayor-Personal

and General News.

FARMVILLE, VA., February 8.—(Special.)—At a called meeting of the Town cial.)—At a called meeting of the Town Council, held last evening, Hon, Oscar T. Wicker, for more than five years Mayor of Farmville, tendered his resignation. This step was necessitated, owing to Mr. Wicker's recent appointment as post-master here to succeed Mr. George Richardson. The resignation of Mr. Wicker was laid on the table until the next regular meeting of the Council, which will be held Tuesday night. At that time his successor will be appointed to fill the unexpired term. It is a matter of considerable regret that Mr. Wicker has been forced to give up the mayoralty, as in most respects he has made the town a model chief executive.

To-morrow afternoon Rev. Dr. Harding, chaplain of the Farmville Guard, will preach a special semmon to the soliders. This will be the Doctor's first sermon before the guard since he became its chaplain. A large turnout is anticipated.

THE PARTRIDGE BILL. THE PARTRIDGE BILL.

The bill, which recently passed the Legislature, forbidding the killing or capture of any partridges or game in the State of Virginia for the term of two years, and the purchase or sale of any such bird within the State during that time, meeta with very general approval in Prince Edward and counties contiguous. The birds were being rapidly exterminated in this section.

Methodist church here, who was taken suddenly ill last Sunday after preaching his morning sermon, has been confined to the parsonage ever since, but is much bet-

ty, spent several days of this week visit-ing his numerous Farmville and Prince Edward friends.

Mr. Thomas C. Crowder, of Petersburg,

Mr. Thomas C. Crowder, of Petersburg, was in town this week.

Mrs. Fred. B. Glenn, of Bluefield, W.
Va., came down this week and enjoyed several days visiting in the home of her father, Hon. R. M. Burton.

OLD POINT.

Do Not Want Any More Liberty of

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., February 8.-(Special.)-There is a good deal of ill-feeling among the blue jackets of the ill-feeling among the blue jackets of the north Atlantic Squadron over the treatment received in Norfolk by the crew of the battleship Maine, which arrived here from a week's visit to that port on Wednesday. The boys had not been ashore on liberty for four months, and there is no doubt some of them got "half seas over." Heretofore, they have not been interfered with unless they were creating a disturbance, but this time, they claim, they were picked up on the slightest sign of unsteadiness, and punished to the fulleat extent of the law. The crew paid fines to the amount of \$25 during their stay, but don't care for any more "liberty" of that kind.

The cruiser Montgomery, which went

that kind.

The cruiser Montgomery, which went out to intercept the filibustering steamer Hawkins some ten days ago, arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning from Charleston. The Raicigh, which went as far south as Key West, is expected in the Roads to-morrow.

Small Fire in Norfolk.

NORFOLK, VA., February 8.—(Special.)—About 7:20 o'clock to-night a fire occurred at Amos P. Jordan's lunchrooms in the city market building, and damage to the extent of \$100 was done. The blaze originated in the kitchen, the laths in the wall taking fire from the heat of a stove near by. The flames crept up to the roof where most of the damage resulted. Luckily for the city the fire occurred when it did, for if it had been later at night, when the building is almost unoccupied, it might have occasioned serious loss.

Where Shall the Convention Be Held

(Danville Register.)

Lynchburg, Roanoke, and Staunton are rival aspirants for the next Democratic State Convention. Since Danville is rot in it, the Register has no particular interest in the matter. There are reasons, however that point strongy to Staunton as the place for holding the convention, viewing the matter from the standpoint of policy and strategy. It is an undisputed fact that Republicanism is stronger in the Valley than is any other portion of the State, and that it is the political battle-ground of Virginia.

Such Republican leaders as the Yosta, the Lewises, Craig, S. Brown Allen, R. J. Waiker, A. P. Funkhouser, and many other influential men live there. If, as is generally conceded, the holding of a convention in a city or section by any political party arouses or tends to arouse enthusiasm for that party, then Staunton is the point for the convention. The colored brother is but a small factor in politics there, and the Democracy are arrayed against the Republican party at its best. In the matter of public halls and hotel accommodations Staunton is amply able and quite willing to provide for the convention.

ASKS FOR JUSTICE. Position of the Traction Company with Regard to Four Tracks.

Which the Franchise Was Granted.

Street Committee May Reopen the Brond-Street Question.

There will be a meeting of the Council of the City Hall at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, at which it is probable that the question of requiring the traction company to allow the cars of the Richmond City Railway Company to r over its tracks on Broad street may recpened. Both companies are putting up a vigorous fight, and both sides have

scores of supporters who are rendering them all possible aid. Mr. Phil. B. Shelld, general counsel for the traction company, discussing the sit-uation last night, said:

uation last night, said:
The traction company believes that it is entitled to have its franchise carried out in its true spirit for the reasons—
1. That for seven years the Richmond Railway and Electric Company had the right and refused to electrify cars on Broad street.

2. It has kept mule-cars of such a character on the road that it has been

Broad street.

2. It has kept mule-cars of such a character on the road that it has been hardly respectable to ride in them; the cars have been literally a disgrace to Broad street.

3. The Richmond Railway and Electric Company appear to be ashamed of themselves for their action, inasmuch as they lay the blame on the city and Maior Ginter for their long continuance of the mule-cars on Broad street.

THE QUESTION DECIDED.

4 Last summer the traction company asked for a franchise to but a creditable track on Broad street from Church Hill through to the Exposition-Grounds. At the same time the Richmond Hailway and Electric Company, who had at that time lost their right by non-uner to electrity Broad street, asked for a similar franchise, with the renewal of their right to electrity. The city granted the franchise to the traction company, and refused it to the Richmond Railway and Electric Company.

5. The franchise was exclusive in every reasonable sense. The Richmond Railway and Electric Company could not use electricity on their Broad-street track from Ninth to Laurel. The traction company, believing the franchise vaimable, accepted it on the hardest terms. It gives unusually great privilexes to workmen and school-children, and requires extraordinary taxes to the city, besides it compels an absolute schedule.

6. The Council, with the enthusiastic approval of the people, granted a franchise to the traction company, and refused the application of the Richmond Railway and Electric Company.

7. The tacit understanding was that the Richmond Railway and Electric Company, by long delay, abuse of the people's patience, and disagreeable service, had forfeited its right to use electric-cars on Broad street between Ninth and Laurel.

WORKED IN GOOD FAITH.

8. The traction company proceeded to

Meshedist church here, who was taken suddenly ill last Sunday after preaching his morning sermon, has been confined to the parsonage ever since, but is much better.

Mr. C. H. Hasker, of Richmond, has consented to come to Farmville on next Friday night to deliver a lecture on "The Battle of Hampton Roads" for the benefit of the Prince Edward Memorial Association.

PERSONAL.

Mr. George M. Farrar has been quite sick, but is now able to attend to business. Miss Bessie Lindsey left last Tuesday for Richmond to visit her brother, Mr. E. L. Lindsey.

Miss Mattle Lee Cunningham spent a day or two with her sister, Miss Pearl, at Burkeville, this week.

Messers, E. I. Morris and J. L. Hart were in Richmond this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Davidson have returned from their bridal trip.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Mr. James H. Garland, a well-known Prince Edward farmer, and Miss Ethlyn Williamson, of Plantersville, Lunenburg county. The ceremony will occur at the house of the bride next Tiesday, the lith instant.

Mr. J. Harvey Hull, of Albemarle county, spent several days of this week visiting his numerous Farmville and Prince

Broad street between Ninth and Laurel, and and earnest, were traction company proceeded to the traction company would not be permitted to work with the greatest zeal and earnest, were track on Broad street, hand-treet, and the city to carry out its part of the contract with the city, relying upon the honor and good faith of the city to carry out its part of the contract.

9. By an express provision of the chart was declared that "a company to using the same morive-power shall not be allowed to use on the nabove-mentioned to use on the nabove-mentioned reaching the same motive-power and such use was to be on terms agreed on or fixed by arbitration, as proting the farmond Railway and Electric Company's tracks, except as same were recommended to the recommendation of the contract with the city, relying upon the honor and good faith of the city to carry out its part of WORKED IN GOOD FAITH.

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10. The Street Committee, by distinct action, almost unanimously voted that the Richmond Rallway and Electric Company (the City Rallway Company Division) should move its mule-car-tracks to either side, and let the traction company have the right of way. This action was confirmed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and became a law on the 18th of December, 1895. The Council of the city, by unanimous vote, ordered the mule-car-tracks removed aside, and imposed a heavy penalty for their failure to do so within sixty days from the time the ordinance was approved. GIVEN RIGHT OF WAY.

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11. The Richmond Railway and Electric Company have naturally fought the traction company from the start, and have been beaten by the traction company and the people of Richmond, on grounds of justice which are too nisin to be enumerated. The tracks of the traction company are the admiration of the people, and are a permanent evidence of the wisdom of the Council in granting the franchise as they did.

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12. Under the ordinance of the City Council of December 18, 1836, the Richmond Hallway and Electric Company began, after a long delay, with a few hands and extreme slowness, in a manner best calculated to offend and inconvenience and damage all the merchants of Broad street, proceeded to move their tracks, making the four-track business as offensive as possible. Haying obstructed Broad street as much as they could by their delay, they appeared before the Street Committee with the request that they might be allowed to run over the tracks of the traction company. At the meeting called for the purpose of preventing four tracks on Broad street, it was decided that the business-men, rather than the traction company, should be unjustly treated, preferred to have four tracks on Broad street in spite of the fact that an effort was openly made in this "meeting of citizens" to exclude those who were not absolutely against four tracks, irrespective of the rights of the preferred to have four tracks, irrespective of the rights of the preferred and the preferred to have four tracks, irrespective of the rights of the preferred and the preferred to have four tracks, irrespective of the rights of the preferred and the preferred to have of 23 to 17, they determined to austain the good name of the city and keep their faith with the traction company in the contract which had been made.

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13. The Street Committee, in opposition to the wishes of the meeting which had been held by the Broad-street merchants, decided to allow the Richmond Railway and Electric Company's cars to run over the tracks of the traction company. The Street Committee, no doubt, acted horestly, but hastily, and will reconsider their action and remedy vil of the evil, which that action would bring upon the city and upon the Richmond Traction Company.

Richmond: John I, Boswell, Jr., and wife, to Georgia L. Cottrell. 18 feet on west sides of Lombardy street between Grove and Floyd avenues, 2.800.

G. B. Hutchinson's trustees to Granite Building Company. 22 feet on south side Pleasant street between Randolph and Concurrence, 81,100.

Concurrence, \$1,100.
Charles Jenkins'a trustees, to same, 15 cet on south side Orange street uear St. James, \$600.

Mrs. Otto's Damee.

A delightful kop was given at the relence of Mrs. A. Otto, 70! Brook aven Deneding was indulged in until midnigh when all repaired to the dising-room partake of an elegant supper. Danci was resumed and kept up until the was resumed and the until the was resumed and the until the until the was resumed and the until the unti

Mrs. Otto.

The gentlemen present were:
Charlie Andrews. Clifford Staples,
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Simms, Alex. Saunders, Henry
George Hargrave, Dr. W. Baunder
Jones, Charlie Tholl, Pat. Waldre
phrey Otto, Willie Stack, William
and Messra. Otto, Loving, and Wald

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List of Persons Who Have Recently

The following persons and firms have recently made contributions to the Industrial Home of Richmond: J. R. Hart, M. M. Martin, G. C. Unger, A. B. Bryant, W. Willis, D. Branch, Isaac Burke, W. J. Holmes, Mr. Cousins, Richmond Dairy, Mrs. A. W. Johnson, G. Smith, Dr. A. A. Scott, G. W. Tallor, A. Schmidt, G. A. Leonard, J. W. Nolde, G. A. Nolde, T. W. Pease, A. F. John-Schmidt, G. A. Leonard, J. W. Noide, G. A. Noide, T. W. Pease, A. F. Johnson, H. Beekstaffer, J. T. Beale, S. G. Robinson, R. P. Boze, Duvall & Williams, W. T. Hoze, J. W. Billey, Nina Brizzaiara, C. H. Hagan, C. Lang, W. H. White, Jacob Kirah, E. W. Wright, F. Lauterbach, T. O. Gates, W. W. Elliott, W. C. Tucker, Herman Groot, Mrs. R. Lange, Mrs. Smithers, Philip Alto, E. W. Kelly, J. E. Harware, Jefferson Market, A. Jennings, G. W. Saunders, Stout & Co., Chaplu & Johnson, Pough & Anderson, J. L. Laubach, Mrs. W. Crowsby, M. Bowden, L. Bromm (bakery), William H. Tatum, Singer Bakery, H. M. Cain, M. J. Koss, E. Surger, N. 2, Smith, Julius Young, J. I. Alston, John B. Schaff, F. Keck, A. M. Fletcher, J. T. Chapford, Frohmer's bakery, J. Charny, Chas, Messerschmidt, John Burch, H. S. Merker, J. Charny, Chas, Messerschmidt, John Burch, H. S. Merker, J. Charny, Chas, Messerschmidt, John Burch, H. S. Helfort, A. M. Fletcher, R. Kaatleberg, F. Bernhert, W. H. Brauer, John Brauer, G. Schwalm, B. A. Brauer, E. E. Schmidt, E. H. Acree, W. T. Hechler, D. D. Pleasant, S. P. Flournoy, Antonia Mosrhetle, Monroe Market, Thomas Myrtle, Dr. W. Scott's drugstore, Baldwin & Brown, Gill's bakery, — McKinley, Home Beer, John Rowley, P. Ryan, J. A. Duffey, P. H. Douhane, A. Solari, Dora Topp, T. Westerman, John Bowen, J. J. Rankin, B. Kotrigan.

To Direct Gen. Rosser's Lectures. General Thomas L. Rosser, who is now devoting his time and talents to the wor'thy cause of arousing interest in the "Battle Abbey of the Southern Confederacy," which has received the princely gift of \$100,000 from Charles Broadway Rouss, of New York, has engaged the services of Mr. Horace F. Smith, of this city, who will have the direction for the next year to come of the lecture tours of General Rosser, Mr. Smith is employed in the capacity of secretary of the lecture department of the Battle Abbey movement, and will continue to make Richmond his headquarters. This will in no wise change Mr. Smith's relation to Mr. Polk Miller, Judge F. R. Farrar, and the other talent which he represents.

Miss Henning's Patriotic Sor In these days of war talk, Monroe

In these days of war talk, Monroe doctrine, and the like, patriotism will out. Miss Julia R. Henning has shown hers through the channel of a popular song, entitled "The Rights of Venezuela," and dedicated it to the New York Sun.

Al. G. Field has offered to sing the song, and to make that announcement is amuch as saying it will be a success. The song is alive with loyal and patriotionslaughts at John Bull and his greedy habit of tasting other countries' fruits, and would fire any true American's heart, Miss Henny has composed many catchy songs that have met with undoubted success, but this last composition bids fair to eclipse its predecessors in popular favor.

The Coming of Facites. The Coming of Facities.

The musical event of this month, and, in fact, one of the very notable of the present season, will be the appearance on Wednesday, February 28th, at the Academy of Music of Herr Carl Facitien, director of the New England Conservatory of Music, at Boston. Mr. Facitien, who is now in the South, visits Richmond under the auspices of the musical department of the Woman's College. The American Art Journal, in reporting a meeting in New York of the National Music Tachers' Association, refers in most complimentary terms to the recital given by Mr. Facitien.

For the Summer Rest.

The silver tea for the benefit of the summer rest, about which such conflicting statements have been made, will positively take place at 509 east Grace street next Tuesday, February lith, from 5 to 9 P. M. Mrs. T. H. Symington, Mrs. John B. Goode, Misses Nellis Parker, Luile Walker, and other young ladies of the Summer Rest Auxiliary will assist Mrs. Barksdale in receiving.

DUBLIN, February 2.—At a meeting of Nationalist members of the House of Commons, held here to-day, it was decided unanimously to request Thomas Sexton to accept the leadership of the Irish Parliamentary party as successor to Justin McCartny, who has announced his intention of retiring from the leader-

German Bank Director Arrested.

